## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Proposed Information Collection (Dental Record Authorization and Invoice for Outpatient

Services) Activity: Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs

**ACTION: Notice** 

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the *Federal Register* concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to determine a veteran's dental treatment needs, and the fees associated for these services.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before [Insert date 60 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at <a href="www.Regulations.gov">www.Regulations.gov</a>; or to Cynthia Harvey Pryor, Veterans Health Administration (10P7BFP), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: cynthia.harvey-

<u>pryor@va.gov</u>. Please refer to "2900-0335" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia Harvey-Pryor (202) 461-5870 or FAX (202) 273-9387.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501 – 3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VHA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

<u>Title</u>: Dental Record Authorization and Invoice for Outpatient Services, VA Form 10-2570d.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0335.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 10-2570d is essential to the proper administration of VA outpatient

fee dental program. The associated instructions make it possible to communicate with

clarity the required procedures, peculiarities, and precautions associated with VA

authorizations for contracting with private dentists for the provision of dental treatment

for eligible veteran beneficiaries. Since most of the veterans who are authorized fee

dental care are geographically inaccessible to VA dental clinics, it is necessary to

request information as to the veteran's oral condition, treatment needs and the usual

customary fees for these services from the private fee dentist whom the veteran has

selected. The form lists the dental treatment needs of the veteran patient, the cost to

VA to provide such services, and serves as an invoice for payment. VA uses the data

collected to verify the veteran's eligibility to receive dental benefits.

Affected Public: Business and other for profit.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 3,666 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 20 minutes.

<u>Frequency of Response:</u> On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 11,000.

DATED: November 14, 2012

By direction of the Secretary:

Robert C. McFetridge, Director,

Office of Regulations Policy and Management,

Office of the General Counsel.

Department of Veterans Affairs.

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